

REMARKS

This invention provides for *inter alia* herbicidal compositions that exhibit a particularly potent herbicidal action and for methods using the compositions to control harmful plants.

It is believed that no further fee is required for the consideration of this Amendment. If, however, an additional fee is required, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge such fee, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0320.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claim 14 contains allowable subject matter.

This Amendment cancels claim 1 in favor of claim 3, amends claims 2-9, 11, 12, 14 and adds new claim 16. Applicants are making these amendments in order to advance prosecution and reserve the right to pursue the cancelled subject matter in a divisional application. New claim 16 finds support in former claim 3. Thus, no new matter is added.

Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. The amendments to the claim render the rejection moot. Consequently, reconsideration and withdrawal of the Section 112, second paragraph, rejection are respectfully requested.

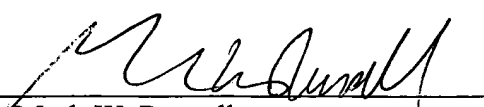
Claim 1-3, 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Knusden (U.S. 476551; 8/9/88). The claims are amended so that the definition of R⁶ no longer encompass the meanings (C₁-C₁₀) alkythio, (C₁-C₁₀) haloalkylthio, unsubstituted or substituted arylthio, (C₁-C₁₀) alkylsulfinyl or (C₁-C₁₀) alkylsulfonyl. It is urged that the amendments to the claims render this rejection moot and withdrawal is requested.

As it is believed that this application is in condition for allowance, an early notice to that effect is requested. If, however, there remains an issue outstanding, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned for its prompt consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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